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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-ITALY CONSULTATIONS

- 1. AT LAST ROUND OF CIVAIR TALKS, US AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS AGREE RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN JULY, PRESUMABLY IN ROME. SINCE THERE IS NO CAPACITY CHALLENGE TO DISCUSS, TALKS WOULD BE ON SO-CALLED REVISION ISSUES. ITALIANS PRESUMABLY DO NOT EXPECT FULL AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED, BUT WANT PROGRESS TO BE MADE. HOWEVER, GIVEN WIDE DIVERGENCIES BETWEEN US AND ITALIAN CIVAIR POLICIES AND POSITIONS, IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW REAL PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN TALKS.
- 2. IN VIEW ABOVE, DEPARTMENT HAS NO WISH TO ENCOURAGE ITALIANS TO PURSUE CIVAIR TALKS IN JULY, ALTHOUGH WE DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT INTEND TO BACK OFF OUR COMMITMENT IF ITALY STILL WANTS TALKS. IF TALKS ARE TO BE HELD, WE NEED BLOCK OFF DATES FAIRLY SOON FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY COULD PROBE ITALIAN INTENTIONS BY INQUIRING INFORMALLY HOW THEY SEE ISSUES BEING RESOLVED BOTH PROCEDURALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY. IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS,

EMBOFF COULD POINT OUT DIFFICULITIES OF FINDING SOLUTIONS IN VIEW OUR DIVERGENT POLICIES AND THEREBY GAUGE WHETHER ITALIANS FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT FURTHER TALKS IN JULY. IF QUESTION OF SPECIFIC DATES ARISES, EMBOFF SHOULD ASK FOR ITALIAN SUGGESTIONS AFTER POINTING OUT WEEK OF JULY 3 WILL NOT SUIT AMERICANS BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY ON 4TH. CHRISTOPHER

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